

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE,
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Plaintiff,
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20-CV-5096 (JMF)
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, et al.,
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Defendants.
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OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE,
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Plaintiff,
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20-CV-6359 (JMF)
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-v-
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, et al.
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Defendants.
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ORDER

JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

On August 21, 2020, the parties submitted a joint letter agreeing that these two cases should be consolidated. *See* ECF No. 42 (20-CV-6359). In light of that, and because the actions involve common questions of law and fact, it is hereby ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 42(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the two cases are consolidated under the case number 20-CV-5096 (JMF). **All future filings should be in 20-CV-5096 (JMF) alone.**

The parties shall appear for a teleconference with the Court on **September 23, 2020**, at **10:00 a.m.** At least **twenty-four hours before the conference**, counsel shall email to the Court the names and telephone numbers of those who will have speaking roles at the conference, and


the Court will provide call-in information to those counsel. All others — counsel who will not have speaking roles and members of the public — may listen to the conference by calling the Court’s dedicated conference call line at (888) 363-4749 and using access code 542-1540 followed by the pound (#) key. The parties are reminded to follow the procedures for teleconferences described in the Court’s Emergency Individual Rules and Practices in Light of COVID-19, which are available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jesse-m-furman>.

No later than the **Thursday before the conference**, the parties shall file a joint status letter setting forth their views of the case and how it should proceed, including, if appropriate, a proposed briefing schedule.

The Clerk of Court is directed to consolidate 20-CV-5096 (JMF) and 20-CV-6359 (JMF) under case number 20-CV-5096 (JMF), and to close 20-CV-6359.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 25, 2020
New York, New York

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JESSE M. FURMAN
United States District Judge